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For the more ſpeedy and effectual Enrolment of the Militia of *Ireland*, and for filling up Vacancies therein.

Note.—*The Figures in the Margin denote the Number of the Folios in the written Copy.*

1 WHEREAS it may be expedient that the Compliments of the different Regiments of the Militia in Ireland ſhould be forthwith enrolled; Preamble.

And whereas the Mode of raiſing Men by Ballot hath not been generally adopted in Ireland, and it might therefore be attended with Inconvenience to proceed by that Mode for the Purpoſes aforeſaid;

Be it therefore Enacted by the KING's Moſt Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, at any Time within Months after the paſſing of this Act, to iſſue his Orders Enrolling Volunteers.

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to the ſeveral Colonels and other Commanding Officers of the different Regiments of Militia in Ireland, requiring them without Delay to proceed to enroll a certain Number of Volunteers, not exceeding in any Caſe the preſent Complements of the ſeveral Eſtabliſhments of their different Regiments; and for that Purpoſe it ſhall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland for the Time being, to iſſue his Orders to the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury of Ireland, requiring them to advance from Time to Time any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of as the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor as aforeſaid may by ſuch Order direct, and to pay to the ſeveral Colonels or other Commanding Officer or Officers of the different Regiments of Militia in Ireland, ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding the Rate of Iriſh Currency, for every Private Man that may be ſo enrolled. 2

Bounty. And be it further Enacted, That the ſaid ſeveral Colonels or other Commanding Officer or Officers of the ſaid Regiments, ſhall immediately proceed to enliſt and enroll, within their reſpective County or County of City, ſuch Volunteers, being Men uſually reſident within ſuch reſpective Counties, as can be procured, giving to each Man by way of Bounty any Sum not exceeding the Sum of per Man, Iriſh Currency; which Sum the ſaid Colonels or Officers are hereby authorized to advance and pay to ſuch Volunteers that ſhall be ſo enrolled.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That it ſhall not be lawful to or for any Colonel or other Commanding Officer or Officers of any Regiment of Militia, or to or for any other Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, on his or their Behalf, to advance or give, or engage to advance or give, any greater or larger Sum of Money than the ſaid Sum of or give, or promiſe, or undertake to give any other Largeſs, Bounty, or Reward, than the ſaid Sum of for the Purpoſe of inducing any Man to enroll himſelf as a Volunteer. 3

Entry of Names, &c. And be it further Enacted, That the ſaid ſeveral Colonels or other Commanding Officer or Officers ſhall keep, or cauſe to be kept, true and regular Entries of the Names, Additions, Places of Reſidence, Pariſh, and other Deſcriptions of the Perſons they ſhall enroll as aforeſaid, and the ſeveral Sums they ſhall advance and pay to ſuch Perſons reſpectively, and ſhall tranſmit regular Copies of ſuch

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ſuch Entries, ſigned by them reſpectively, to the Office of the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor as aforeſaid.

And be it further Enacted, That every Man thus enrolled ſhall take and ſubſcribe the following Oath:

"I *A. B.* do ſincerely promiſe and ſwear, That I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majeſty King GEORGE the Third, and that I will faithfully ſerve in the Militia within that Part of the United Kingdom called Ireland, for the Defence of the ſame, during the Term of Years for which I am enrolled, or for ſuch further Time as the Militia ſhall remain embodied, unleſs I ſhall be ſooner diſcharged. So help me GOD." Oath.

And be it further Enacted, That every Perſon thus enrolled and ſworn ſhall be deemed and taken to be a Militia Man as fully as if he had been choſen by Ballot, and he ſhall be liable to be called out, and to ſerve as ſuch, and ſhall be ſubject to the ſeveral Laws reſpecting the Militia of Ireland to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever. Subjected to Militia Laws.

And be it further Enacted, That the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant ſhall cauſe Copies of the Returns of the Men thus enrolled, and the Sums advanced to ſuch Men, reſpectively to be tranſmitted to the ſeveral and reſpective Treaſurers for the ſeveral Counties and Counties of Cities in Ireland, Days at leaſt previous to the then next enſuing General Seſſions after ſuch Expenditure; and the ſaid ſeveral Treaſurers ſhall and they are hereby reſpectively required to lay the ſaid Returns before the Judges of Aſſize, on the Commiſſion Day of Aſſizes, and before the reſpective Grand Juries for ſuch Counties or Counties of Cities ſhall be ſworn; and the ſaid Judges ſhall and they are hereby required to give the ſame in Charge to the ſaid Grand Juries, in order that the Sums thus expended may be preſented and raiſed off the ſaid Counties or Counties of Cities; which ſaid Preſentments the ſaid reſpective Grand Juries are hereby reſpectively authorized and required to make, unleſs the Account of the Sum thus to be raiſed ſhall appear to the ſaid reſpective Grand Juries too large to be raiſed at One Aſſizes within the reſpective Counties or Counties of Cities; in which Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid ſeveral Grand Juries, by and with the Concurrence of the Judges at Account of Expenſes.

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at the ſaid Aſſizes, to preſent any Part of ſuch Sum, not leſs than thereof, at ſuch Aſſizes; and the

Money raiſed.

Reſidue ſhall in like Manner be given in Charge, and preſented by the Grand Jury of ſuch County, or Grand Juries of ſuch reſpective Counties, as the Caſe may be, at the then next enſuing Aſſizes: And in caſe the Grand Jury of any County or County of a City ſhall, after the Judges ſhall have given the ſame in Charge to them, omit, neglect, or refuſe to preſent the ſame, then and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Judges of Aſſize to order and direct the Treaſurer of ſuch County or County of a City to include the whole of ſuch Sum, and return the ſame among the Preſentments of the County, ſo that the ſame ſhall be raiſed and levied forthwith. 6

Diſcharged Men.

And whereas it is juſt and equitable that no Charge ſhall be made on any County or Place for the Purpoſe of providing a Subſtitute or Militia Man, in the Place of any Man who has been diſcharged, and whoſe Time of Service for which he was legally bound to ſerve would not be expired previous to the enrolling of any Man under this Act; Be it therefore Enacted, That in all ſuch Caſes no Money ſhall be preſented or raiſed for providing any Man or Men in the room of ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo as aforeſaid diſcharged.

Preſentments.

And be it further Enacted, That it ſhall not be lawful to traverſe any ſuch Preſentment.

Payment of Money raiſed.

And be it further Enacted, That the ſeveral Treaſurers of the reſpective Counties and Counties of Cities as aforeſaid, ſhall collect and receive the ſaid ſeveral Sums, and lodge the ſame with the Collector of His Majeſty's Revenue for ſuch County or County of a City, or in caſe ſuch County ſhall be divided into Two or more Diſtricts, with Two or more Collectors, then with the Collector of that Part of ſuch County in which the County Town is ſituate; and every ſuch Collector ſhall and he is hereby required to give a Receipt for all Sums of Money that ſhall be ſo lodged with him as aforeſaid; and ſuch Receipt ſhall be lodged among the Records of ſuch County, and ſhall be a Diſcharge and Acquittance to ſuch County for all ſuch Men that ſhall be thus raiſed for the Time for which they ſhall be enrolled to ſerve as aforeſaid; unleſs Vacancies ſhall occur by Death or Deſertion, in which Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid ſeveral Colonels or other Commanding Officers to procure and enroll from Time to Time, for 7

Subſtitutes.

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for the Reſidue of the ſaid Period of Years, Subſtitutes to fill any Vacancies that may happen by Death or Deſertion, and pay to ſuch Subſtitute a Sum not exceeding for each Man, out of the Stock Purſe of the ſaid Regiment; and the ſeveral Grand Juries, at the reſpective enſuing Aſſizes ſhall, on the Certificate of ſuch Colonel or other Commanding Officer, ſtating the Death or Deſertion of ſuch Man or Men, in like Manner preſent the ſaid Sum or Sums of Money to reimburſe the ſaid Colonel or other Commanding Officer.

And be it further Enacted, That each and every ſuch Subſtitute ſhall and he is hereby required to take and ſubſcribe the Oath following:

Oath of Subſtitutes.

" I *A. B.* do ſincerely promiſe and ſwear, That I will be " faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majeſty King " GEORGE the Third, and that I will faithfully ſerve in 8 " the Militia in that Part of the United Kingdom called " Ireland, for the Defence of the ſame, for and during the " Term of [*Here ſpecify the Time for which the Subſtitute* " *is to ſerve*] or for ſuch further Time as the Militia ſhall " remain embodied, unleſs I ſhall be ſooner diſcharged.

" So help me GOD."

And every ſuch Subſtitute, after having taken and ſubſcribed ſuch Oath as aforeſaid, ſhall be deemed and taken to be a Militia Man as fully as if he had been choſen by Ballot, and ſhall be liable to be called out and to ſerve as ſuch, and ſhall be ſubject to the ſeveral Laws reſpecting the Militia of Ireland to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever.

Falſe Returns.

And be it further Enacted, That if any Colonel or other Commanding Officer of any County or County of a City in Ireland ſhall make any untrue Return to the Office of the Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, or to the Grand Jury of the County to which his Regiment belongs, every ſuch Colonel or other Commanding Officer ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Iriſh Currency, for every ſuch Offence.

Act varied or repealed.

And be it further Enacted, That this Act may be varied, altered, or repealed, by any Act to be made in this Seſſion of Parliament.

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